

## U.S.-Soviet talks set for Stockholm

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz will hold talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on Jan. 18 in Stockholm, the State Department announced Friday. The two men will be in the Swedish capital for the European disarmament conference. They last met in Madrid in September but their talks then were dominated by the Soviet downing of a Korean airliner. The only wide-ranging discussions between the two men took place in meetings lasting more than seven hours in the autumn of 1982 when they were attending the United Nations General Assembly in New York. State Department spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters: "We have been in touch through diplomatic channels with the Soviet Union and it has been agreed that the secretary and Foreign Minister Gromyko will meet in Stockholm on the afternoon of Jan. 18."

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## Israeli soldier wounded in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli soldier was wounded in South Lebanon Thursday when an army post was ambushed in the fifth successful attack on Israeli soldiers in a week, the army said. Attackers opened fire with light arms on the post near the town of Rashidiyah, military said.

## 1 sentenced to death

TEL AVIV (R) — A military court sentenced two Arabs to death Friday for the 1980 murder of an Israeli soldier, state radio reported. The two members of the "Fateh" Palestinian movement, were convicted in a closed military court, an army spokesman said. Their identities were not revealed. The Arabs picked up a hitchhiking Israeli soldier north of Tel Aviv and shot him, the radio said.

## Fighting erupts in north Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Fighting broke out Friday between anti-Syrian militias in this port and one Palestinian group in the exchange, sources said. They said the weapons were used in a 2-hour clash. It was not what started the fighting.

## Swiss vows to renew fight

DAMASCUS (R) — The Syrian Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) of Lebanon said Friday it would continue its fight against the government of President Amin Gemayel. A PSP statement issued here said that it "cause interim security agreements might be signed did not that a political solution to the conflict had been reached."

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## ini in Beirut

TEL AVIV (R) — Italian Defence Minister Spadolini arrived unexpectedly Friday in Italy's 2,200-strong force in the Lebanese state-run Beirut Radio said. The radio gave no details of his visit and the Italian military spokesman could not be contacted.

## Plans severe for terrorists

AMMAN (R) — Members of the Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF) were taken to the court to provide for the amputations of the Kuwait News Agency reported.

## es found at airport

ISTANBUL (R) — A suitcase full of explosives was found minutes before it was to be loaded onto an Alitalia airliner at Istanbul's Yesilkoy airport, airport officials said Friday. Police bomb squads who defused the charges Thursday were quoted in Friday's papers as saying the explosives were tightly packed to go off with a powerful blast inside the plane.

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## Extremist Israeli group claims responsibility Hand grenades explode at 2 Hebron mosques

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Heavy army and police reinforcements Friday guarded Muslim and Christian religious sites in the Israeli-occupied West Bank following early morning blasts at two mosques in Hebron, the police said.

A Palestinian was wounded in one of the explosions, set off by two booby-trap hand grenades near mosques in the town's Old City section.

At about the same time as the grenade blasts, a petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli army patrol in the West Bank town of Nablus but caused no casualties or damage, the army said.

Three hours after the grenade explosions an unidentified person told Israeli radio and army radio stations that he represented the "Terror Against Terror" group which he said had planted the grenades.

The caller said more attacks would be made "and we shall get them all out" in apparent reference to threats by extremist Israelis to force Palestinians in the occupied areas to emigrate.

Visitors to the occupied area said Israeli roadblocks were set up at many points and careful checks were being made on all travellers

and vehicles, especially around Muslim and Christian religious sites.

Israeli occupation officials visited West Bank leaders to assure them that stepped-up security measures were being taken to safeguard residents.

A police spokesman said little was known about the "Terror Against Terror" group, known in Hebrew as TNT, but the police were taking its threats seriously and providing religious places with extra security guards.

He said police were seeking members of the group, which has claimed responsibility for the planting of about a dozen grenades at religious institutions in and around Jerusalem.

Only about six exploded and they caused no serious casualties or damage.

Many Palestinians in Hebron said Friday they believed the grenade blasts were caused by residents of the Jewish enclave of Kiryat Arba just outside the town.

But the police spokesman said the investigation was proceeding "on many fronts" and "cautioned" against assuming that the underground group was Jewish.

A number of Israeli ministers and parliamentarians have expressed concern that a Jewish underground vigilante organisation exists in the West Bank and have demanded an official inquiry.

Meanwhile, a serious explosion in a Jerusalem bus was averted Friday when an alert passenger spotted the explosive device and removed it from the vehicle, police said.

Police demolition experts were called in and dismantled the device.

The device was powerful and could have caused widespread casualties in the crowded bus as it was passing through the city's public market, police said.

Six Israelis were killed and 40 injured in a time bomb explosion in a Jerusalem bus last month. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) announced that it was responsible for the attack although it said the target was supposed to have been a military, not a civilian bus.

Police have been urging the public to be on the alert for suspicious parcels.

## Israelis seal off S. Lebanon

SIDON (R) — Israeli forces closed all roads into occupied South Lebanon with barbed wire Friday as a wave of protest which started in the southern port of Sidon Thursday spread north to the capital Beirut.

Israeli officers said the three crossing points, at the Awali Bridge on the coast, at Bisi Bridge 15 kilometres inland and at Niha in the Shouf mountains, would open again to vehicles and pedestrians on Monday. They gave no explanation for the move.

A funeral procession from Beirut was turned back at the Awali Friday and truck drivers who had

been waiting to cross for days turned with rage at the unexpected Israeli decision.

Eyewitnesses and private radios reported outbreaks of gunfire around Sidon Thursday night but there was no confirmation of new attacks on Israeli troops there.

The closure of the bridges, the south's only links with the rest of the country, followed a marked escalation in anti-Israeli resistance activity in the south and a general strike against the occupation in Sidon Friday.

The slow movement of traffic across the bridge has paralysed economic activity in the south and

many local people see the international-style border as a prelude to annexation.

Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan deplored the closure of the bridges and asked Foreign Minister Elie Salem to send notes of protest to international bodies, state-run Beirut Radio said.

Muslim leaders arranged more anti-Israeli protests in Sidon mosques Friday while their colleagues in Beirut staged mosque sit-ins in solidarity with the southerners.

The Sidon protests gained new impetus after Israeli troops broke into and searched the house of the town's Sunni Muslim mufti.

## Reagan rejects Middle East policy review

WASHINGTON (R) — The White House has rejected the advice of a Pentagon report urging President Reagan to reassess his decision to base 14,000 U.S. servicemen with the Multi-National Force (MNF) in Lebanon.

The report was issued Wednesday by a commission inquiring into the deaths of 241 U.S. Marines in a truck bomb attack on their headquarters in Beirut on Oct. 23.

"There is an urgent need for reassessment of alternative means to achieve U.S. objectives in Lebanon and at the same time reduce the risk to U.S. forces," it concluded.

But White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in California where Mr. Reagan is on holiday, said basic policy in Lebanon was not being re-evaluated, although the administration was continuing to study possible redeployment of the Marine force.

The commission's report represented a strictly military standpoint, he said, adding: "It's a much broader picture and the president has to address all questions."

Mr. Reagan said on Tuesday that he accepted full responsibility for the deaths of the Marines, saying he agreed that security had been lax.

The report cited faulty intelligence as a key factor in the bombing and blamed officers up the chain of command for failing to take adequate precautions. Security measures taken since the attack were still not adequate, it said.

A congressional study released last week reached similar conclusions and said Congress might vote to pull the U.S. forces out of Lebanon unless Mr. Reagan made a serious review of his policy there.

## Israeli cabinet postpones decision on budget cuts

TEL AVIV (R) — The deeply-divided Israeli government postponed crucial economic decisions as new statistics showed a record trade deficit and over differences on the Jewish state's settlements in occupied territories.

After a special six-hour meeting, the cabinet broke up for the Jewish Sabbath and was to resume its marathon debate on sweeping budget cuts on Sunday.

During the past year the coalition of six rightist and religious parties has come close to breaking up over measures to revive the inflation-wracked economy.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's call for urgent action was reinforced by provisional 1983 figures from the central bureau of statistics. They showed the trade deficit had grown to a record \$5.1 billion and foreign debt had risen to \$23 billion.

Three coalition parties are fiercely resisting parts of Mr. Cohen-Orgad's proposals to cut at

least \$1 billion from the budget. They oppose reducing expenditure on Jewish settlements in occupied Arab land.

Mr. Cohen-Orgad, an ardent supporter of Jewish settlement in the occupied territories, has proposed a total freeze on all further settlements as part of the planned budget.

Mr. Cohen-Orgad's endorsement of recommendations from the treasury to freeze all major projects next year including the construction of any new settlements to cut public spending and slow the escalating inflation rate immediately drew fire from the settlers' supporters.

The small Tzviya Section, which controls four seats in parliament and whose support is essential if the government is to maintain its narrow majority, served notice that it would withdraw from the coalition if a freeze or a major reduction in the settlement budget was approved.

## Jackson optimistic of mission to Damascus

FRANKFURT (R) — The Reverend Jesse Jackson said he was confident that he would be able to secure the release of a U.S. pilot being held by Syria and, at the same time, make a contribution towards peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Jackson, a black civil rights leader campaigning for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, talked to journalists during a six-hour stopover at Frankfurt airport before flying on to Damascus.

"If we do nothing, nothing will happen — those odds are clear. But I am sure that what we are doing in peace, for peace, will make a positive contribution," he said.

He said Robert Goodman, a

black U.S. pilot who was shot down during a bombing raid on Syrian positions in Lebanon on Dec. 4, was "a grim reminder of the present relations between the U.S. and Syria."

Mr. Jackson still has no firm assurance that he will speak to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and has no fixed itinerary.

Mr. Jackson said: "There have been big demonstrations in Europe because there may be a war in the Middle East, people are dying and there is every reason to believe that tension will escalate. So we want Robert Goodman removed as war-bait, removed as a point of tension."



Walid Jamal Balkaz, a Jordanian official at the Kingdom's embassy in Madrid, lies lifeless in the driver seat of his car after he was fatally wounded by a gunman in the Spanish capital Thursday (A.P. wirephoto)

## Jordanian official killed, another injured in Spain

MADRID (Agencies) — Spanish police were Friday investigating a terrorist machine gun attack which killed one Jordanian embassy official and wounded another.

Walid Jamal Balkaz, 34, was killed instantly and Ibrahim Subhi Hamid, 40, was hit by five bullets when a man opened fire on their car shortly after they left their embassy in central Madrid Thursday.

An anonymous caller telephoned a news agency in Paris Thursday night and said the attack was carried out by the "Arab revolutionary brigade."

The caller said he was telephoning from the Gulf state of Qatar.

In Amman, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday the Jordanian government would not "permit these crimes against its innocent unarmed personnel."

"These crimes will not go unpunished, and their perpetrators will receive their just reward," the source said.

The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said that upon receiving the news of the criminal incident, the Foreign Ministry had made urgent

## King condolences Balkaz family

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein paid a visit Friday to the house of Walid Jamal Balkaz, an official at the Jordanian embassy in Madrid, who was killed in an attack Thursday, and conveyed his condolences to his family. The family of the deceased Mr. Balkaz expressed their gratitude to the King and renewed the pledge to serve Jordan under the leadership of the King.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian government Friday sent a special plane in Madrid to carry the body of Mr. Balkaz.

The body is due here Saturday accompanied with a number of Foreign Ministry officials, the staff of the Jordanian embassy in Madrid and the family of Mr. Balkaz.

contact with the Spanish government.

The ministry had been assured that all necessary measures would be taken to discover those responsible for the attack.

## Egyptian aide leaves Israel after talks

TEL AVIV (R) — Egypt's Assistant Foreign Minister Shafiq Abdul Hamid left Israel Friday saying he felt his visit would help improve relations between the two countries.

Mr. Abdul Hamid arrived Thursday and held all-day talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other senior Israeli officials. It was the first high-level contact between the two nations in over a year.

"Our talks were held in a friendly atmosphere and I feel they will help improve our relations," he told airport reporters.

Israeli-Egyptian relations deteriorated over differences on the Palestinian issue, the Jewish state's invasion of Lebanon and a border dispute. Egypt recalled its ambassador after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June 1982 although its embassy continues to operate in Tel Aviv.

Israeli officials admitted Friday the two countries remain divided on ways to revive the Middle East peace process.

Israel also repeated sharp criticisms of last week's meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"We made it clear that Arafat and the PLO are not and will not be our partners in the peace process, directly or indirectly," one senior Israeli official said.

The Israelis last week expressed stern opposition to the meeting.

## King, Queen return

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home Thursday from a 17-day private visit to France, England and Austria.

During his visit to France, King Hussein held discussions with President Francois Mitterrand and Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. He also addressed the European Parliament at Strasbourg.

His speech to the parliament covered latest developments in the Middle East, and the King also called for a more positive European role in the confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The parliament afterwards approved a resolution to send a delegation to discuss means of furthering the Middle East peace process. The delegation is expected to arrive in Jordan in January.

King Hussein discussed the same subjects with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during his visit to England.

King Hussein and Queen Noor were welcomed home at the airport by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, royal family members, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, cabinet members and senior civil and army officials.

Also at the airport were the charges d'affaires of France, Britain and Austria in Amman to welcome the King and the Queen.

## Arafat arrives in Tunis

TUNIS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived here Friday for the first of a series of crucial meetings aimed at redefining policy following his evacuation from Lebanon and a controversial meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) flew in from Sana'a, North

Yemen. He was expected to take part immediately in a meeting of the Central Committee of Fateh.

It was expected the Fateh meeting would be followed by a meeting of the PLO's 14-member Executive Committee.

Tunis has been Mr. Arafat's political headquarters since he was forced to leave Beirut in September 1982.

## 'Arafat's Cairo visit may not produce immediate results'

By Suleiman Qudhah

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Nabil Amr said last week's meeting in Cairo between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak should not be expected to have immediate results, as Mr. Mubarak has inherited "a heavy burden from President Anwar Sadat."

Mr. Amr, who returned Thursday from a meeting in the North Yemeni capital of Sana'a with Mr. Arafat said the Cairo meeting "is an important step that opens the door for other Arab parties to resume a healthy relationship with Egypt, which has long been left open for American and Israeli pressure."

He added that Mr. Mubarak is carefully considering ways for "getting rid of the heritage he had been left by the former president embodied in the Camp David agreement."

## Education Ministry prepares ambitious literacy programme

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education has completed a draft plan for adult education and aimed at freeing 300,000 from illiteracy in Jordan, a ministry official told the Jordanian daily Al Rai. The 10-year plan is estimated to cost about JD 20 million, the spokesman said.

The ministry is currently holding contacts with related Arab cultural organisations for contribution to the project.

According to a recent study by the ministry, there are 357,000 illiterates in Jordan, equal to a percentage of 34.6 of the total population above 15 years of age. Rural areas account for 48.64 per cent of the illiteracy and the figure among males in these areas reaches 29.19 per cent. Illiteracy among women living in Jordanian cities is 37.84 per cent, while it is 67.61 per cent in rural areas, the study indicates.

## Tal calls on Washington to reconsider decision to withdraw from UNESCO

AMMAN (J.T.) — Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal, in his capacity as president of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), called on the United States government Thursday to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the U.N. body.

Dr. Tal, who was elected UNESCO president for a two-year term during the Paris-based organisation's 22nd session in October, said Thursday that the U.S. decision to withdraw from the agency was "alien to the UNESCO charter, which calls for understanding, co-operation, respect for basic human rights and promoting communication among nations," Petra said.

"The U.S. move by no means promotes ties of friendship between the American people and other world nations and can hardly contribute to the realisation of the high ideals of UNESCO in furthering collaboration and understanding among people, preserving world peace, security and justice, and protecting human rights and basic freedoms for all nations indiscriminately," Petra quoted Mr. Tal as saying.

Mr. Viets said the U.S. government is currently reviewing its decision to withdraw from UNESCO, and added that a change in his government's attitude is "possible in the light of the organisation's outlook towards some administrative, financial and political issues which the U.S. views as contradictory with its general policy," Petra said.

## 'U.S. pullout from UNESCO aimed at winning Jewish vote for Reagan'

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet news agency Novosti said Friday that the U.S. decision to leave the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was aimed partly at securing Jewish votes for President Reagan in next year's presidential election.

Commenting on the U.S. move, the agency said Washington's motives went beyond its opposition to UNESCO's new information order and the politicisation of the organisation.

"The point is that the U.S. Zionist lobby has long borne a grudge against that organisation for its resolute condemnation of Israel's expansionist policy in the Middle East," Novosti commentator Yuri Kashlev said.

The decision to quit was thus "aimed at receiving the votes of American Jews at the forthcoming presidential elections," he added.

The commentator said the U.S. pullout would have no effect on UNESCO as it had demonstrated in 1974-1975 that it could cope

without U.S. budgetary contributions when Washington suspended its payments for a year.

The United States, leaving the door only just ajar, says it will reconsider its decision to quit UNESCO at the end of next year only if the U.N. agency changes its policies.

But Assistant Secretary of State Gregory Newell said it was felt there was no conceivable way that UNESCO could alter sufficiently to entice the United States back in.

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## MIDDLE EAST

## Iraqi warplanes shoot down 2 Iranian fighters

**BAGHDAD (R) —** Iraq said its warplanes had shot down two Iranian fighters Friday in a dogfight near the eastern Iraqi border city of Basra.

An Iraqi military spokesman, quoted by the official news agency INA, said the two Iranian F-5 fighters had been approaching the Iraqi border.

"Our fighter jets attacked the two Iranian planes and shot them down in a dogfight at 1100 hours (UNII GMT). They were seen exploding in the air by our pilots," he added.

The Iraqi planes returned to their bases, INA quoted him as saying.

On Thursday Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra strongly criticised countries which allow their ships to sail through the Gulf to trade with Iraq's

Gulf war enemy, Iran.

"It is a very strange thing that some world states ignore Iraq's proclamation of some Gulf areas as prohibited war zones and allow their ships to sail through them, thus exposing the lives of their citizens as well as ships to destruction by the Iraqi navy and air force," Al Thawra said in a commentary.

The commentary, the first of its type since the Gulf war began more than three years ago, said such countries had changed their ports into "Trojan horses" for exporting arms and ammunition to Iran.

Iraq has proclaimed part of the northern Gulf, including areas

around the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini and its oil terminal island of Kharg, a prohibited war zone and warned that any ships approaching this zone would be targets for its navy and air force.

Al Thawra said countries which allow their ships to sail to Iran become "partners to Iran's aggression against Iraq." It did not mention any countries by name.

There have been a number of reports of foreign merchant vessels hit by Iraqi fire this year, including Greek and Cypriot vessels.

"There is still time for those states to revise their attitude towards the Gulf war, not only in their own interests but also in the interests of world peace, threatened by Iran's aggressive acts against Iraq, the Arabian Gulf, Islamic and even non-Islamic states," the newspaper wrote.



**ON GUARD:** A French paratrooper stands guard at the Chiah Circle along Beirut's Green Line Wednesday. A ceasefire declared on Monday evening has kept things quiet in the Lebanese Capital for the past two days. Shi'ite militia positions can be seen in the background (A.P. wirephoto).

## Junblatt meets Lebanese envoy, Army Intelligence chief in Amman

**AMMAN (R) —** Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt said Thursday he had met Lebanon's ambassador to Switzerland, Johnny Abdo, and the head of Lebanese Army Intelligence here Wednesday night and discussed Saudi mediation efforts in Lebanon.

He told Reuters by telephone he had met his "old friend" Abdo and Colonel Simon Qassis, head of intelligence in the Lebanese Army, "who was representing the Falangist regime of (President) Amin Gemayel."

They discussed a "security plan" which Lebanese-born Saudi businessman Rafik Hariri is trying to mediate between the warring parties in Lebanon, Mr. Junblatt said.

"We will see if there is a possibility of implementing this plan after the ceasefire was subjected to so many relapses, the last of

which was the unprecedented shelling of southern residential areas of Beirut and innocent civilians," he stated.

There was heavy fighting in south Beirut earlier this week, mainly between the Lebanese army and Shi'ite Muslim militiamen who are allied with Mr. Junblatt's Druze fighters.

Asked if he and Mr. Abdo had discussed resuming reconciliation talks, begun in Geneva two months ago, Mr. Junblatt said he would not discuss political solutions for Lebanon without the participation of the Lebanese National Salvation Front and "the great ally" Shi'ite Muslim militia leader Nabih Berri.

The Salvation Front, backed by Syria, links Junblatt with former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh and former Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

## Dentkash favours bi-zonal federated Cyprus

**NICOSIA (R) —** Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Dentkash Thursday reiterated that he fully supported establishment of a bi-zonal federated state in Cyprus.

"We intend to keep the doors of peace open to the Greek Cypriots this year," the president of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus said in a new year message.

Mr. Dentkash said establishment of a bi-zonal federal state would require recognition by the divided island's Greek and Tur-

kish communities of each others' rights and equality.

Hailing 1984 as the "year of recognition and enlightenment" for Turkish Cypriots, he described Greek Cypriot calls for the withdrawal of his Nov. 15 unilateral declaration of independence as "invalid and unbalanced."

"This wrong approach and unbalanced view in no way constitute a basis for agreement. If a bi-zonal federal independence is desired in Cyprus, this will be achieved through talks by the two states on

equal footing," he added.

Only Ankara has recognised the Turkish Cypriot state, with the international community generally still regarding the Greek Cypriot administration in the south as the legitimate government of the whole island.

Cyprus has been divided into Greek and Turkish Cypriot zones since Turkish troops invaded in 1974 and enforced an exchange of populations between the Greek south and Turkish north.

## Chinese team meets Iraqi leader

**BAGHDAD (R) —** Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had talks here Thursday with the vice-chairman of the standing committee of China's National People's Congress, Wang Ren Zhong.

The agency said Mr. Hussein and Mr. Wang stressed the need to maintain ties and cooperation.

Mr. Wang and his six-man delegation arrived here on Tuesday and were also expected to visit Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

## French expulsion of five Iranians delayed at airport

**PARIS (R) —** Expulsion of five Iranians from France was delayed four-and-a-half hours after the pilot of an Air Iran plane refused to take off pending authorisation from Tehran, officials at Orly Airport in Paris said Friday.

The Air Iran Boeing 747, scheduled to leave the airport at 8.45 p.m. (11.45 GMT) Thursday night, departed at 1.15 a.m. (10.15 GMT) Friday with 215 passengers including the five expelled Iranians on board, airport authorities

said. The Iranians, employees at an Iranian Islamic Cultural Centre in Paris closed by the French government last Friday, were ordered to leave for "activities incompatible with their status as residents in France."

The five Iranians, brought to Paris from Reims where they were arrested on Friday, refused to walk to a bus taking them to the airport and had to be carried by police.

## Iranians expelled from Kuwait arrive home

**LONDON (R) —** Twenty-three Iranians expelled from Kuwait following bomb attacks there two weeks ago arrived in Tehran Thursday, Iran's National News Agency IRNA reported.

The agency, received in London, said several of the group, which included teachers and an Iranian embassy employee, had been held by Kuwaiti security authorities prior to their expulsion.

Five people were killed and more than 60 injured in six bomb attacks on targets including the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait, the international airport and government buildings.

Nineteen people including eight Iraqis and three Lebanese are expected to go on trial next week in connection with the bombings. Kuwaiti has said the suspects were members of the banned Iraqi Al Daawa' Al Islamiya (Islamic Call) Party, which advocates an Iranian-style regime in Iraq.

## Bangladesh seeks closer ties with Islamic World

By Atiqul Alam  
Reuters

**DHAKA —** Bangladesh, a Muslim nation with a secular outlook, is seeking closer ties with the Arab world despite a rising tide of nationalism and criticism from within, the country that the move is aimed at attracting Arab money.

"Islam is a way of life and a way of thinking — it is not simply a religion," Military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad told a Dhaka Conference of Islamic Foreign Ministers earlier this month. The convention cost underdeveloped Bangladesh \$10 million.

With Muslims accounting for more than 95 per cent of the country's 95 million people, Bangladesh ranks as the world's most populous Islamic nation after Indonesia.

But demonstrations in the past two years show that Bengali nationalism, the driving force in the country's independence war with Pakistan 12 years ago, could hamper plans to create a formal Islamic state.

Gen. Ershad's opponents say the country does not need to flaunt religion to win Islamic support and one prominent Bangladeshi

economist said: "His eyes are firmly fixed on petrodollars. Other things are simply superfluous."

Since taking power in a coup 21 months ago, Gen. Ershad has been to Saudi Arabia three times and Bangladesh has received \$500 million of aid from Islamic countries.

"We need money for our survival and it does not matter where it comes from," the general once said.

Gen. Ershad has said he favours greater Islamisation but has guaranteed the country's Hindus, Christians and Buddhists their freedom of worship.

But in January his announcement to a religious meeting that he was planning to turn Bangladesh into an Islamic Republic drew a storm of protest.

His critics launched a vigorous opposition campaign saying the plan threatened Bengali culture and language through greater use of Arabic and heralded stricter enforcement of Islamic codes of law.

The resulting clashes between police and demonstrators' five people were killed and more than 100 injured.

Strength of feeling aroused, Gen. Ershad's aides later denied that the general wanted to introduce an Islamic constitution and said he was expressing personal feelings.

Western diplomats in Dhaka say that while they believe Gen. Ershad is a Muslim at heart, he also abhors radical Islamic trends and their fundamentalist precepts.

"Fundamentalism has no place in our Islam. We are very religious-minded people but if you cut off people's hands, it just will not be accepted," the general was quoted as saying.

Prominent Bangladeshi Muslim cleric Moulana Hasmatullah Faridpur told reporters: "Islamic statehood is very good... but should not be done at the expense of national unity." He condemned the fundamentalist brand of Islam practised in Iran.

His attitude is at odds with the Jamaat-e-Islami and Tablighi, two fundamentalist groups with branches all over Bangladesh. The organisations are financed by several Arab nations, among them Saudi Arabia and Iraq, according to an official report.

their own version of Islam and they pour money into a poor country like Bangladesh to strengthen their own following," one official said.

Alarmed at this, the Bangladesh government recently proclaimed that official approval would be needed to receive money from abroad.

But officials stress that Bangladesh will continue in the Islamic mainstream without abandoning its path of liberalism, secularism and tolerance.

The resurgence of strict Islamic discipline is apparent in other fields. But bars, restaurants and nightclubs flourish in main cities although Islam prohibits the drinking of alcohol.

An official of the Islamic Foundation in Dhaka said sales of religious books had increased in the past five months, as had the number of people visiting mosques.

Solidarity with Islamic countries is paying dividends for thousands of Bangladeshis who have found jobs in Gulf countries. They are expected to send home about \$700-million in the financial year ending in June, almost equal to the country's annual export earnings.

## TV &amp; RADIO

## JORDAN TELEVISION

**MAIN CHANNEL**

17:30 ..... Koran  
17:40 ..... Cartoons  
18:10 ..... Children's Programmes  
18:25 ..... Prestige  
18:35 ..... Programme Review  
19:30 ..... Local Programme  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... The World in 1983  
21:00 ..... Review of the New Programme cycle

## FOREIGN CHANNEL

18:00 ..... French Programme  
19:00 ..... News in French  
19:30 ..... News in Hebrew  
20:30 ..... M.A.S.H.  
21:10 ..... Saturday Variety Show  
22:00 ..... News in English  
22:15 ..... Feature Film: How to Murder Your Wife — Jack Lemmon, Verna Lisi

## RADIO JORDAN

855 KHz, AM 5.00 MHz, FM 5.00 MHz, SW

07:00 ..... Morning Show  
07:30 ..... News Bulletin  
07:33 ..... Morning Show  
10:00 ..... News Summary  
10:03 ..... Oriental Foods  
10:05 ..... Morning Show  
11:00 ..... News Summary  
11:05 ..... Pop Session  
12:00 ..... News Summary  
12:03 ..... Pop Session  
12:05 ..... Morning Show  
13:03 ..... Catch the Words  
14:00 ..... News Bulletin  
14:15 ..... Instrumentals  
14:30 ..... Jordan Weekly Music  
15:00 ..... Concert Hour  
15:00 ..... News Summary  
16:05 ..... Instrumentals  
17:00 ..... Special Feature  
17:30 ..... Music  
18:00 ..... News Summary  
19:00 ..... Top Twenty  
19:30 ..... Date with a Star  
20:00 ..... Book Club  
20:30 ..... The Young Sound

## For Sunday

## JORDAN TELEVISION

**MAIN CHANNEL**

16:30 ..... Koran  
16:40 ..... Cartoons  
17:05 ..... Children's Programmes  
18:00 ..... Local Programme  
18:20 ..... Programme Review  
18:35 ..... Local Programme  
19:30 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Local Series  
21:35 ..... Arabic Variety Programme  
22:00 ..... Arabic Series  
23:10 ..... News Summary

## FOREIGN CHANNEL

18:00 ..... French Programme  
19:00 ..... News in French

## WHAT'S GOING ON

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**EXHIBITION**

\* Orientalist paintings at the Alia Art Gallery on Saturday and Sunday.

## CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre, Tel. 6610267  
American Centre ..... 44371  
British Council ..... 41520  
French Cultural Centre ..... 37189  
Goethe Institute ..... 41093  
Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 44303  
Spanish Cultural Centre ..... 24049  
Turkish Cultural Centre ..... 30777  
Hayat Arts Centre ..... 663195  
Hussein Youth City ..... 41793  
Y.W.C.A. ..... 664251  
Y.W.M.C.A. ..... 36111  
University of Jordan Library ..... 443555

## MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 14th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman, Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munazzah, Jabal Luwdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.  
Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

## PRAYER TIMES

06:10 ..... Sunrise  
11:30 ..... Sunrise  
12:30 ..... Sunrise  
16:40 ..... Sunset  
18:07 ..... Sunset

## SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Tyche Hotel, 1.30 p.m.  
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Marriott Hotel, 1.30 p.m.  
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.  
Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

## CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabal Luwdeh, 37440.  
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Hussein, 661757.  
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Abdallah, 23541.  
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabal Amman, 41559.  
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 75261.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox): Ashrafieh, 71751.  
Armenian Apostolic Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shamsani, 663249.

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## FOR THE TRAVELLER

## AMMAN AIRPORT

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## MONEY EXCHANGE

Local sell/buy rates in Jds

Belgian franc ..... 66.1 / 66.5  
Dutch guilder ..... 120.3 / 121  
Egyptian pound ..... 320 / 323.4  
French franc ..... 44.3 / 44.4  
Iraqi dinar ..... 376.6 / 383  
Italian lire (for 100) ..... 22.2 / 22.4

## DEPARTURES

05:45 ..... Cairo (EA)  
06:30 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
07:00 ..... Amman (RJ)  
08:00 ..... Athens (OAI)  
08:30 ..... Beirut (MEA)  
09:05 ..... Tripoli (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Tunis, Casablanca (RJ)  
11:45 ..... Frankfurt, Brussels (RJ)  
12:00 ..... Paris, London (RJ)  
12:30 ..... Rome, Madrid (RJ)  
12:45 ..... Larnaca (RJ)  
13:30 ..... Vienna, New York (RJ)  
15:40 ..... Kuwait (KAC)  
19:30 ..... Kuwait, Doha (RJ)  
19:40 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
20:15 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
20:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
20:30 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)  
00:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)

## VOICE OF AMERICA

06:00 AM Morning: News on the hour; news summaries; daily business report; science and medicine; sports reports; VOA editorial and world and U.S. opinion roundups; documentary analysis; features 17:00 News 17:10 News Horizons and New Products 17:30 Special English News and Features 18:00 News 18:10 International Viewpoints 18:30 Music USA Standards 19:00 News

## WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

It will be fair, with light and variable winds. In Amman, winds will be northerly fresh and sea calm.

## Low/high temperature in deg. C

Amman ..... 31/5  
Aqaba ..... 9/22  
Deserts ..... 2/17  
Jordan Valley ..... 10/21

## Yesterday's high temperatures:

Amman 15, Aqaba 22, Humidity readings: Amman 55 per cent, Aqaba 41 per cent.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

## EMERGENCIES

Ambulance ..... 193, 75111  
Fire, fire, fire, fire ..... 191  
Blood bank ..... 75121  
Civil Defence rescue ..... 661111  
Fire headquarters ..... 220013  
Police rescue ..... 192, 2111, 37777  
Police headquarters ..... 20141  
Traffic police ..... 563001  
Electric Power Co. ..... 36381-2  
Municipal water service ..... 71125-8  
Queen Alia Int. Airport ..... 1001 53333

## HOSPITALS

Hussein Medical Centre ..... 813813-32  
Khaldi Maternity, J. Amman ..... 44281-4  
Akhdah Maternity, J. Amman ..... 42441  
Jabal Amman Maternity ..... 42363  
Mabius, J. Amman ..... 36140  
Palestine Shmeisani ..... 66471-3  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 664131  
University Hospital ..... 84584  
Dur Al-Shifa, J. Hussein ..... 667158  
Al-Musharraf Hospital ..... 66722-4  
The Islamic, Abdallah ..... 665212  
Al-Ahli, Abdallah ..... 664164  
Italian, Al-Muhajir ..... 77101-3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 75111  
Army, Marka ..... 01611

## NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN: Dr. Abdulhalem Al Afghani (Wed-Sat)

## MARKET PRICES

Upper/lower price in Jds per kg.  
Apple (Double Red) ..... 350 / 300  
Apple (Golden) ..... 350 / 300  
Apple (Starline) ..... 350 / 300  
Apple (Smith) ..... 220 / 180  
Apple (local) ..... 220 / 180  
Banana (Nukammar) ..... 230 / 220  
Beans ..... 250 / 220  
Cabbage ..... 60 / 40  
Carrot ..... 120 / 80  
Cauliflower (white) ..... 110 / 80  
Cucumber (large) ..... 220 / 150  
Cucumber (small) ..... 240 / 170  
Dates ..... 80 / 150  
Eggplant (large) ..... 80 / 50  
Eggplant (small) ..... 150 / 120  
Figs ..... 400 / 300  
Grape ..... 360 / 320

## GENERAL

Dr. Nabil Al Mandi ..... 67533  
Nayroukh pharmacy ..... 23672  
Grand Arabian pharmacy ..... 33171  
Mishri pharmacy ..... 13611  
Shahat pharmacy ..... 20844  
Fayez pharmacy ..... 661627

## IRBID

Dr. Mazen Abu Baket ..... 74609

## ZARQA:

Dr. Mesbah Al Hijawi ..... 81217

## JORDAN TELEVISION

Radio Jordan ..... 74111  
Ministry of Tourism ..... 42311  
Hotel complaints ..... 66412  
Price complaints ..... 66176  
Telephone ..... 01611

## Information

Jordan and Middle East calls ..... 12  
Overseas calls ..... 17  
Cable or telegram ..... 18  
Repair service ..... 11

## MARKET PRICES

Onions (white) ..... 700 / 600  
Onions (black) ..... 700 / 600  
Crimpeau ..... 120 / 100  
Guava ..... 400 / 300  
Lemon ..... 130 / 100  
Marrow (large) ..... 110 / 80  
Marrow (small) ..... 140 / 120  
Mellows ..... 160 / 140  
Olives ..... 350 / 300  
Onion (dry) ..... 150 / 130  
Okra ..... 150 / 130  
Oranges (large) ..... 230 / 200  
Oranges (Shamouti) ..... 170 / 140  
Pears ..... 650 / 600  
Pepper (sweet) ..... 150 / 130  
Pepper (hot green) ..... 180 / 150  
Potatoes ..... 160 / 130  
Tomatoes ..... 180 / 170

## AMMAN AIRPORT

## ARRIVALS

07:30 ..... Cairo (EA)  
08:05 ..... Doha, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
09:15 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
09:30 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
09:45 ..... Dhahran, Kuwait (RJ)  
10:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Tripoli, Larnaca (RJ)  
10:40 ..... Kuwait (KAC)  
10:50 ..... Jeddah (SV)  
11:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
11:35 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
12:10 ..... Riyadh, Dhahran (SV)  
12:15 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
12:30 ..... New York, Vienna (RJ)  
12:35 ..... London, Paris (RJ)  
13:10 ..... Paris, Damascus (AFI)  
13:30 ..... Beirut (MEA)  
13:40 ..... Madrid, Rome (RJ)  
14:00 ..... Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)  
14:30 ..... Zurich, Damascus (SR)  
15:05 ..... Cairo (EA)  
15:20 ..... Athens (OAI)  
15:30 ..... London (BA)  
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19:55 ..... Bahrain, Doha (RJ)  
19:55 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
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20:15 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
20:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
21:05 ..... Beirut (RJ)  
21:30 ..... Beirut (RJ)  
21:40 ..... Baghdad, London (BA)  
02:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)

## DEPARTURES

06:45 ..... Cairo (RJ)



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## WORLD

## Buenos Aires opens trial of 9 former military leaders

**BUENOS AIRES (R)** — Argentina's highest military court has opened the trial of former junta members accused of authorising the murder, kidnapping and torture of thousands of political detainees.

All nine members of the three military juntas which ruled the country from 1976 until last year are to be tried by court martial on charges of systematically abusing human rights during the "dirty war" against leftist guerrillas in the 1970s.

On Thursday, two former presidents, Jorge Videla and Roberto Viola, appeared before the court, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, to be formally notified of their trial. With them were Admiral Armando Labruschini, who was navy chief from 1978 to 1981, and Brigadier Omar Graffigna, air force commander in 1981.

The remaining five former junta members are expected to appear

shortly.

Argentina's newly elected president, Raul Alfonsín, ordered the trial of the nine after he took office three weeks ago.

As the hearings opened, local government officials announced the discovery of more unidentified bodies buried secretly in Buenos Aires cemeteries during military rule.

They are believed to be among the 6,000 to 30,000 people estimated to have disappeared during the armed forces' drive against the guerrillas.

The mayor of San Isidro suburb said Thursday that his local authority had started a court investigation over 41 unidentified

bodies found in Boulogne Municipal Cemetery.

And the mayor of Canuelas, another suburb, told a press conference that six bodies, including one belonging to a pregnant woman, had been buried in the local graveyard in 1976 after being found on waste ground.

Earlier this week, 24 bodies buried secretly in two other Buenos Aires cemeteries were exhumed. Many of them showed bullet wounds and signs of torture.

Several former political prisoners have asked for a court investigation into a clandestine detention and torture centre which they allege was operated by the army near the motorway to Buenos Aires International Airport.

In a deposition, the ex-prisoners listed tortures which they said were conducted at the centre, including electric shocks, suffocation with plastic bags and the placing of live rats on prisoners' bodies.



**MONACO** — Princess Caroline of Monaco waves to the crowd from the Royal Palace balcony as she stands hand-in-hand with her husband Italian businessman Stefano Casiraghi shortly after their wedding Thursday there. I.A.P. wirephoto.

## Caroline marries Italian businessman

**MONTE CARLO (R)** — A beaming Princess Caroline flanked by her husband Stefano Casiraghi waved to well-wishers beneath the pink and white walls of Monaco's Royal Palace Thursday after a wedding ceremony celebrated in strict privacy.

Only family members and close friends attended as Caroline, 26, in a beige satin dress, exchanged vows at 11.30 a.m. (11.30 GMT) in the stately "Salon des Glaces" with Stefano, a 23-year-old Italian businessman.

Under brilliant skies overlooking the sparkling harbour of this tiny Mediterranean principality, Caroline and her new husband delighted the crowd of 1,000 as they emerged onto a palace balcony for a brief appearance after the wedding.

A handful of guests who did not attend the ceremony arrived afterwards at the palace for the marriage luncheon. The intimacy of Thursday's ceremony contrasted sharply with the pomp of Caroline's first marriage to French businessman Philippe Junot in 1978, which ended in divorce after barely two years.

The Princess, who has reigned as Monaco's first lady since the death of her mother, Princess Grace, after a road accident last year, was given away by her father Prince Rainier.

Although Monaco is a Roman Catholic state, it was a strictly civil ceremony since the Vatican has not yet ruled on the annulment of Caroline's first marriage.

For Caroline, who took on her mother's responsibilities with dignity and provided support for her grief-stricken father after the fatal crash, the wedding opened a new chapter.

"It proves hope conquers experience," one onlooker said.

Caroline and Stefano met through friends last March and in recent weeks have been together constantly, prompting royal watchers to remark on a happy change in the princess.

Casiraghi, who is tall and blond, is the son of a prominent Italian businessman and studied economics in Milan before beginning a business career.

Unlike her lengthy romance with Junot, which was said to have met opposition from her parents, Caroline's flirtation with Casiraghi blossomed quickly and news of the wedding surprised residents of the principality when it was announced last week.

The ceremony was attended by Caroline's brother, Prince Albert, and sister, Princess Stephanie. The younger princess, in a tailored black suit with red piping, was accompanied by Paul Belmonte, son of the French screen star Jean-Paul Belmondo.

Other guests included Caroline's aunt, Princess Antoinette, Prince Louis de Polignac, cousin of Prince Rainier and godfather to Prince Albert, and other Grimaldi family members.

The sister of Princess Grace, Lizane Levine, and her daughter, Grace, flew in for the wedding from the United States.

## Brunei to gain full independence tonight

**KUALA LUMPUR (R)** — The tiny Sultanate of Brunei, which gains full independence at midnight Saturday, will mark the end of nearly a century of British rule with prayers rather than pomp.

The oil-rich state in northwest Borneo will keep the ceremonies deliberately low-key to emphasise that independence will bring few changes, British High Commissioner Francis Cornish told Reuters.

Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah will read a proclamation at an open-air rally in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan and lead prayers at the main mosque.

Foreigners have not been invited to the ceremony which will be carried live by the country's sole television channel, an Information Ministry spokesman said.

They will have to wait for Feb. 23 when thousands of guests from more than 30 countries will formally celebrate independence on a much grander scale.

Workers are still striving to complete roads and the sultan's 2,000-room gold-domed palace in time for the formal ceremony, due

to be attended by government leaders and royalty from around the world, including Britain's Prince Charles.

The spokesman said the ceremony was being held seven weeks after the actual date of independence because few guests were able to travel during the new year holidays.

But Mr. Cornish said another reason was the wish to play down the event, which simply marked the transfer of responsibility for defence and foreign relations from London to the sultan.

Brunei has handled its own internal affairs since 1959 but accepted British protection.

"The government does not want to raise people's expectations and make them think things will be different after Jan. 1," said one foreign diplomat.

Not many people appear to be clamouring for change, however. Oil wealth gives Brunei's mainly Muslim Malays a cradle-to-grave welfare programme with free medical care and schooling, subsidised loans for housing and consumer goods, and no income tax.

## Queen Elizabeth knights New Zealand premier

**LONDON (R)** — Britain's Queen Elizabeth Thursday knighted New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon in her annual list of new year honours.

Mr. Muldoon, 62, prime minister since 1975, becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George. He is entitled to be known as Sir Robert.

Also listed among more than 400 people awarded British honours — mostly on the recommendation of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — are artists, broadcasters, businessmen, politicians, and leading figures from the world of sport.

They include television newscaster Alastair Burnet, actor Frank Finlay, authors Sir Sac-

heverell Sitwell and Dick Francis, Opera Singer Robert Tear, and high-ranking members of Thatcher's governing Conservative Party rewarded for services rendered.

Mr. Burnet, 55, a former editor of the Daily Express and the Economist who is now senior newscaster on the Commercial Television Network, is awarded a knighthood.

Veteran Radio Actor Chris (RPT Chris) Gittins, 81, who first broadcast in 1935 and has played the gravelly-voiced rustic character of Walter Gribble in the radio soap opera "The Archers" since 1954, is made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.).

## Plot to murder Sicilian magistrate uncovered

**PALERMO, Sicily (R)** — A Mafia plot to murder a Sicilian magistrate famed for his fight against underworld crime has been uncovered by Italy's Secret Service, judicial sources said Thursday.

They said intelligence agents got wind of the plot to kill Giovanni Falcone, 44, early last month. Mr. Falcone is one of Italy's most closely guarded public officials.

The plot involved bazookas and grenade-launchers, the sources said.

Mr. Falcone has made a name for himself investigating the activities of Mafia clans involved in international narcotics trafficking.

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## Convicted S. African spies await sentence

**CAPE TOWN (R)** — A former South African Navy chief and his wife Friday awaited sentence, possibly death, after being convicted of high treason in spying for the Soviet Union.

Commodore Dieter Felix Gerhardt, former head of the sensitive Simonstown Naval Dockyard, was found guilty Thursday of passing information to Moscow over 21 years. His Swiss-born wife Ruth was found to have helped him to operate his spy network.

The trial was held in secret and presiding Judge George Munnik took the unusual step of calling a press conference to announce the verdict.

He said it was in the interests of justice that the public be informed. Legal sources said it was likely mitigating statements would take

up Friday hearing and sentence might be given Saturday.

The couple, who pleaded not guilty, can take their case higher to the South African court of appeal and the country's president.

Mr. Munnik said the Gerhardts used dead letter boxes, radios, couriers and personal visits to pass on information about weapons and public security systems to Soviet agents.

He said that Mr. Gerhardt, 46, had admitted spying since 1961. But the former navy chief insisted he had been working on the instructions of an unnamed country "not hostile to South Africa to feed 'disinformation' to the Soviet Union."

Ruth Gerhardt, 41, said her husband had given her the same explanation. She later suspected he was a Soviet spy and said she

was forced to continue working for him because of threats he made to her and her child.

**Manila airport customs seize \$325,000**

**MANILA (R)** — Security agents at Manila Airport seized \$325,000 in notes and cheques found hidden in a suitcase of a passenger bound for Hong Kong, customs officials said Thursday.

A spokesman said the money, neatly packaged in Christmas wrapping paper, was spotted as the suitcase went through an X-ray machine inspecting the hand baggage of passengers on a Cathay Pacific flight. No one had claimed the case when the flight left and agents opened it, he said.

At Sears Roebuck, the largest U.S. retailer, sales of durable goods including home appliances, were up and analysts reported strong sales in luxury goods, including fashion clothes, women's sportswear, dresses and accessories.

Other large stores reported a similar sales boom. A spokesman for J.C. Penney, the fifth largest retailer, said he expects December takings to exceed last year's \$1.95 million.

"It was ideal having an extra shopping day before Christmas this year," he said, adding that Christmas sales outstripped those of Thanksgiving week, traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year.

At R.H. Macy and Co., shoppers in the New York area are expected to spend 20 per cent more during the holiday season this year than they did last, lavishing money particularly on luxury goods, home electronics and other expensive items.

Now that Christmas is over analysts do not predict a greater rush to return gifts than in previous years.

They said stores would try to keep prices level in the next few weeks, and that profit margins should hold up through January.

Heavy spending over the holiday would have detrimental effects on January sale levels since much of the fourth-quarter figures depend on January trade. They warned shops might have to buy in special stocks to meet the demand from shoppers next month.

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## Gandhi urges nuclear powers to resume talks

**CALCUTTA (R)** — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Thursday declared that peace could not be achieved by preparing for war and called on nuclear powers to resume arms control talks.

Addressing the National Convention of her ruling Congress (I) party, Mrs. Gandhi said the theory of a balance of terror had brought the world to the brink of catastrophe.

"We call upon the governments of the nuclear weapon powers to resume negotiations without delay to limit and reduce nuclear weapons," she said.

Indian officials have said Mrs. Gandhi, who currently chairs the Non-Aligned Movement, is considering an invitation from United Nations General Assembly President Jorge Illueca to join talks with President Reagan and Soviet Leader Yuri Andropov to revive détente and halt the arms race.

The four-day Congress (I) convention is expected to prepare the party for national elections which must be held before Mrs. Gandhi's term of office expires in January 1985.

In Thursday's speech Mrs. Gandhi criticised neighbouring Pakistan, a country which has fought three wars with India since independence in 1947. While both countries have agreed on the need to improve links, these are marred by suspicion and lingering hostility over the disputed border territory of Kashmir.

"Pakistan's propaganda barrage against us and its acquisition of sophisticated aircraft and equipment beyond its legitimate needs have caused much disquiet among our people," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi was apparently referring to Pakistan's military modernisation programme which includes the purchase of F-16 fighter aircraft and air-to-surface missiles from the United States.

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## UNITA releases hostages

**JOHANNESBURG (R)** — A Red Cross plane carrying hostages released by an Angolan guerrilla movement arrived in South Africa, eyewitnesses at Johannesburg Airport said.

There was no official word immediately on how many people were freed or what their nationalities were. A group of about 23 people who appeared to be released captives walked from the chartered plane to the terminal building.

The Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), which is fighting the Marxist government in Luanda, released the hostages in what it described as a goodwill gesture for Christmas.

UNITA said last weekend it was freeing all its foreign captives except for about 20 Czechoslovaks it wants to exchange for prisoners held by the Luanda government.

The aircraft, with Red Cross markings taped to the fuselage, touched down at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport around 12.30 a.m. (10.30 GMT).

The group which walked from the plane included several children and two or three small babies. Most of the men were white and the women black.

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